

Earth, and from various Bodies placed on, or near the surface of the Earth." By James Glaisher, Esq. Communicated by G. B. Airy, Esq., F.R.S., Astronomer Royal, &c.

The author enters into a very detailed description of the construction of the thermometers he employed in these observations, and the precautions he took to ensure their accuracy; and gives tabular records of an extensive series of observations, amounting to a number considerably above ten thousand, with thermometers placed on nearly a hundred different substances, exposed to the open air, under different circumstances, and in various states of the sky, at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich.

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February 18, 1847.

The MARQUIS OF NORTHAMPTON, President, in the Chair.

Edward John Rudge, Esq., was elected a Fellow of the Society.

"On the Diurnal Variation of the Magnetic Declination of St. Helena." By Lieut.-Colonel Edward Sabine, R.A., For. Sec. R.S.

It has long been known that the diurnal variation of the magnetic needle is in an opposite direction in the southern, to what it is in the northern hemisphere; and it was therefore proposed as a problem by Arago, Humboldt and others, to determine whether there exists any intermediate line of stations on the earth where those diurnal variations disappear. The results recorded in the present paper are founded on observations made at St. Helena during the five consecutive years, from 1841 to 1845 inclusive; and also on similar observations made at Singapore, in the years 1841 and 1842; and show that at these stations, which are intermediate between the northern and southern magnetic hemispheres, the diurnal variations still take place; but those peculiar to each hemisphere prevail at opposite seasons of the year, apparently in accordance with the position of the sun with relation to the earth's equator.

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February 25, 1847.

The MARQUIS OF NORTHAMPTON, President, in the Chair.

The Earl of Hardwicke was elected a Fellow of the Society.

Rev. J. O. W. Haweis, M.A., was put to the ballot, but not elected.

"On certain Properties of Prime Numbers." By the Right Hon. Sir Frederick Pollock, M.A., F.R.S., Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, &c.